# A Flag of Many Faces 

 By Kelly HashwayPhoebe drummed her pencil on the desk as she
 stared at the blank paper in front of her. The assignment was easy enough. All she had to do was draw the flag of the country that best represented her nationality. But Phoebe was eight different nationalities.

"Is there a problem, Phoebe?" Mr. Flynn asked, walking over to Phoebe's desk.
"I don't know what to draw. I'm eight different nationalities." Phoebe

necessary materials to make the flag. Pencil, markers, ruler. She picked up the ruler and got an idea. She divided her paper flag into eight equal sections. Then she drew a small flag for each
of her nationalities.
"Phoebe, which flag did you decide to draw?" Mr. Flynn asked several minutes later.

Phoebe held up her flag. "All of them. They're all part of who I am, so I couldn't choose just one."
"Cool!" Jeffrey said, leaning over for a closer look at Phoebe's flag. "I want to do that, too."


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2. How did Phoebe solve her problem?
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3. How did Phoebe know what the flags should look like?
a. Mr. Flynn has a poster on the wall with flags on it.
b. Phoebe looked for flag pictures in an atlas.
c. Phoebe looked at flag pictures in her textbook.
d. Phoebe copied the flags her friends were making.

Now try this: Make a flag that best represents your nationality. Be sure you draw your flag accurately.

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The words below are scrambled vocabulary words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Look back in the story to be sure you spelled each word correctly.

4. $\qquad$ cooulnhn
hint: midday meal held for a special occasion
5. $\qquad$ boe t t x o k
hint: hardcover book used in school
6. $\qquad$ raevels
hint: three or more, but not many
7. $\qquad$ repa a d
hint: many people walking or marching together to celebrate an occasion

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